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Festive RIDE hits the road

TEMISKAMING SHORES (Staff/Special) – A six-week campaign aimed at keeping impaired drivers off the road kicked off on the weekend.

The Festive RIDE – Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere – began November 21 and will continue through January 2.

“All motorists should expect to be stopped and/or encounter a RIDE program,” said Inspector Joel Breault, commander of the Temiskaming OPP detachment, in a news release.

“If you are going to consume alcohol or drugs, please make appropriate arrangements ahead of time to make sure everyone can enjoy a happy and safe festive season.”

Police are reminding motorists that penalties for driving



HI SANTA!

Even COVID-19 couldn't stop Santa from making an appearance this Christmas season. Parents and their children were able to take part in a drive-by greeting with Old St. Nick in downtown Haileybury on the evening of Friday, November 20. The free event was put on by the Haileybury business group and followed the virtual lighting of the trees in Cenotaph Park. Vehicles lined up on Georgina Avenue heading north before then greeting Santa at the corner of Georgina and Main Street. (Staff photo by Jamie Mountain, LJL reporter)

while impaired by drugs – be they prescription, over-the-counter, or illegal – are the same as those that apply to drinking and driving.

In the release, police say they're determined to dispel the myth that officers can't de-

tect drug impairment.

The OPP said officers are trained as drug recognition evaluators, “giving them the authority and tools needed to detect drug-impaired drivers.”

As of December 2018, police in Canada can demand a

roadside breath sample from any lawfully stopped driver, without having a reasonable suspicion that a driver is alcohol-impaired.

The OPP reminds drivers that officers can issue an immediate licence suspension if

testing reveals a blood alcohol concentration in the warn range (between 50 and 80 mg of alcohol/100 ml of blood).

Police urge anyone who spots a driver they suspect is impaired to contact 911 or the OPP, at 1-888-310-1122.

DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our November 25 edition...

- MPP John Vanthof is leading a charge to have high-speed Internet access across Ontario by 2030.
- Shipping Christmas packages must be done earlier than normal due to higher shipping volumes due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The CJTT FM Christmas Wish Campaign continues to set fundraising records as it supports needy families in South Temiskaming.
- An Ecole secondaire catholique Sainte-Marie graduate has received a Perseverance Scholarship.
- Temagami is assessing its winter recreation options.

- An Englehart resident has outlined a proposal for an in-home gun sales business and put the plan before council.
- Victims and survivors of crime and tragic circumstances were honoured during Victims and Survivors of Crime Awareness Week.
- The Latchford arena will not have ice this winter due to the pandemic.
- New Liskeard BIA coordinator Sherren Reil is encouraging people to shop local this holiday season.
- The big orange ball will bounce up and down the court as planning for the 2021 Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSSA) Girls A-level tournament next November is going ahead.
- Englehart council was asked to change its arena protocols by a mother of young children.



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BUS/CAR COLLISION
A collision involving a car and a bus in the early afternoon of Tuesday, November 24 just south of the former Uniboard plant saw Lakeshore Road closed for a couple of hours to traffic. Members of the Temiskaming Shores Fire Department helped clean up the roadway and secure the scene. The Temiskaming Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police investigated the mishap in which a northbound bus collided with a southbound car. There were no passengers on the bus at the time of the mishap and the driver of the car was taken to hospital by ambulance. The roadway was reopened to traffic around 4 p.m. that afternoon. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

Cobalt seeking strategy to address drug issue

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

COBALT - Cobalt council met with Timiskaming Health Unit director of community health Kerry Schubert-Mackey to identify actions to address the drug issues in the town. Schubert-Mackey and municipal representative on the health unit, Coleman Township Councillor Susan Cote, were present at the Tuesday, November 17 meeting of Cobalt council. Councillor Matthew Johnson stated his hope is to dig into available data that the health unit has so a local strategy could be developed to address the drug issue in the community. "One death is one death too many," he said. Johnson expressed his view that each community has a unique set of circumstances. "The socioeconomic factors in each of these communities are very different," he said.

Schubert-Mackey noted there is a provincial mandate for municipalities to establish a Community Safety and Well-being plan. Initial steps had started to create a district-wide plan through the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board but that was paused due to the pandemic. "We are now at a stage where we are ready to move forward" again, she said. A concern was raised about ensuring a supportive and caring response to the children who might be witnessing drug use in their homes. Schubert-Mackey said the health unit tries to partner with its school partners, and has a good relationship with St. Patrick School. With the goal of helping addicts, the health unit is offering a harm-reduction program, in an effort to help addicts until they are ready to access an addiction recovery program, Schubert-Mackey explained.

She added that the health unit is also seeing a "significant amount of struggles with alcohol" in its coverage area. Drug and alcohol addiction response for individual treatment is made through the primary care providers, she said. The Canadian Mental Health Association also provides programs, she added. She noted that there are Rapid Access Addiction Medicine (RAAM) services that primary care and CMHA are working on together to deliver locally. Councillor Bill Gabbani emphasized the need for response to the situation. "We have to address this," he said. "We are in a crisis here." Mayor George Othmer agreed, and said that while COVID-19 is a major concern, the opioid crisis is also a major concern. He said there seems to be an influx of drug users "and for some reason they all seem to gather here."

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New Liskeard mom frustrated by speeders

Sue Nielsen
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES — A New Liskeard resident and mother of two young children has taken up a letter writing campaign aimed at the City of Temiskaming Shores to bring attention to traffic issues along Lakeshore Road in New Liskeard.

Those traffic issues include excessive speeding along Lakeshore Road and throughout the area.

Melanie Aquino Ducharme grew up in a house along Lakeshore Road in New Liskeard in the mid 1980s.

She has since moved back to her family home and is observing traffic moving at dangerous speeds along the roadway where people are walking, running and where children are waiting for the bus or attempting to cross the road.

“I recently moved back to the area with my family. I see more families in the area now, children waiting for the bus and many more people making use of the STATO trail. Speed is a major issue along this stretch of roadway,” she told The Speaker in an online message.

Since the roadway was changed over the years to include four lanes of traffic, Ducharme has observed unsafe conditions on Lakeshore Road.

She has consulted with her neighbours and friends living along Lakeshore between Haileybury and New Liskeard and they have begun to take a serious look at solutions to make the road safer for all who use it.

While out walking she noticed cars were accelerating up to the 80 kilometre per hour speed limit zone long before they actually get to that section of the roadway. She sent a letter to council and since that time the city has removed the sign.

“During one of our walks we watched a number of cars begin accelerating long before the 80 zone on their way out of town and one solution that seemed very easy and achievable in the short term is to remove the 80 zone ahead sign. We all see it and press a little harder on the gas,” she noted.

She has begun to look further afield at how other communities are dealing with speeding issues and solving them that go beyond law enforcement catching speeding drivers.

“At some point I think we have to recognize that speed is a problem that kills and that it is absolutely within our community’s control to make changes to our roadway.”

She hopes it doesn’t take a tragedy to change things regarding speeding drivers along Lakeshore Road.



Melanie Ducharme and her daughter Isabelle Ducharme and their dog Leo stand near their home on Lakeshore Road in New Liskeard. Ducharme has issues with the speed limits and careless driving she sees on Lakeshore Road that could potentially impact the safety of people living along that stretch of roadway. Since the time this photo was taken the sign in the foreground has been removed. (Supplied photo)

But she acknowledges there has been tragedy along that stretch of roadway with the deaths of two cyclists this past summer – albeit not speeding related.

Ducharme appreciates the ef-

forts of the Ontario Provincial Police in targeting speeding drivers but feels it isn’t sustainable.

“I believe council, along with commuters and residents, should evaluate possible ev-

idence-based changes to the roadway to make it safer.”

SAFEGUARDS

“The reality is we have seen

a tragedy along this stretch of roadway. It may not have been related to speed but it demonstrates that we have invested a lot in making this area a hub for recreation without putting enough safeguards in place for people’s safety. For example my own children have to cross four lanes of traffic to get to the park with limited visibility and no cross walks and cross back over four lanes of traffic.”

Ducharme has observed there are at least six bus stops located along a section of Lakeshore Road between Radley’s Hill Road and the soccer fields, which indicates the number of children living along the roadway.

The STATO trail runs past her home and when the trail is open during the summer months traffic includes cyclists, runners, walkers and roller bladers moving between Haileybury and New Liskeard in a safe manner avoiding the major busy transportation artery of Highway 11 B.

“Removing one sign is not going to fix everything but every little bit helps.”

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Submitted by Ellen Ibey

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Sneezing	No	Common	No
Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhea	Rare	No	Sometimes for Children
Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No

Sources: World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Downtown New Liskeard trying to keep cheer here

TEMISKAMING SHORES (Staff) – COVID-19 has suspended the activities – including the downtown lighting ceremony, Village Noël Temiskaming and parade – that have traditionally kicked off the Christmas season in New Liskeard.

But the New Liskeard Business Improvement Area (BIA) still wants to inspire some holiday spirit. It’s using the slogan “Keep the Cheer Here,” said BIA coordinator Sharren Reil last week.

The BIA is sponsoring a contest for the best lighting display, indoors or outside, by a downtown business.

Displays will be judged December 11, and the winner will receive a \$100 prize, a \$100 donation to a charity of its choice, and “a swell trophy,” she said.

The BIA is also joining forces with the Temiskaming Shores Public Library in a story walk.

Reil said the library has donated a book. Its pages will then be laminated and posted in downtown windows, leading readers on a walk store by store to finish the tale.

It’s another way, she said, to draw people downtown.

Two dozen businesses are also taking part in a seasonal shopping promotion dubbed the “12 Days of Christmas Event.”

Beginning December 1, shoppers at participating businesses on specific days can take in special promotions and receive ballots for draws. A total of 12 \$100 gift certificates and a grand prize of \$1,200 in gift certificates are up for grabs.



COURTING TENANTS

Dymond Court, a 68-unit seniors apartment complex, is slated to be ready for occupancy by mid-February. The board of the non-profit Temiskaming Shores Seniors Housing Corporation recently gathered for a photo unveiling the development’s sign – from left, Bill Mackey, president Carman Kidd, vice-president Len Bilodeau, Ron Bailey, administrator Jan Edwards, Jean Trudel, and Jim Mackey. Missing was Mark Sargent. (Supplied Photo)

Cobalt seeking strategy to address drug issue

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can reach out to Northeastern Ontario Family and Children’s Services if needed.

Othmer raised the need for community drop boxes for used needles and Schubert-Mackey said the health unit would be interested in exploring the best way for those to be provided in

the town. Johnson noted clerk-treasurer John Hodgson has already made some preliminary steps toward that goal.

Cobalt resident Mita Gibson, who raised the concern at Cobalt’s November 3 meeting, commented to council that her concern is with the youth who

are exposed to drug use in their homes.

She asked what the health unit is doing to help those children.

Schubert-Mackey said the health unit is “very interested in working with the schools.” She noted there are school nurses available, and the schools do have programs to help children.

Gibson also asked about whether there is a Big Brother-Big Sister program through which children could be able to spend time with positive role models.

Schubert-Mackey commented “that might be something that comes about,” although currently there are not many programs like that in the area.

INVITATION – FIRST COBALT VIRTUAL INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

First Cobalt is pleased to invite the Cobalt/Coleman and area resident to an information Virtual Open House highlighting the First Cobalt Refinery Project –Air and Noise Environmental Compliance Permit. This information session will be held on:

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On December 2, 2020, the public is invited to a Virtual Information Open House. Representatives from First Cobalt will give a brief review of the project and highlight the modelling work completed regarding the Air and Noise assessments surrounding its operation. First Cobalt will be applying for its Provincial Air and Noise Environmental Permits in the coming weeks.

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How has COVID-19 impacted you? The Timiskaming Health Unit has launched a survey to understand how COVID-19 has impacted local residents. This information will be used to inform the ongoing response to the pandemic and local programs and services now and into the future.

Please share your thoughts!


The survey is being conducted by the Institute for Social Research at York University on behalf of the Health Unit. More information about COVID-19 and a [link to the survey](#) can be found at www.timiskaminghu.com

Sondage sur les répercussions de la COVID-19

Quelles sont les répercussions de la COVID-19 sur vous? L'équipe des Services de santé du Timiskaming mène un sondage pour comprendre la façon dont la COVID-19 touche les résidents de sa région. Les renseignements recueillis serviront à éclairer la réponse en cours à la pandémie et à adapter nos programmes et services actuels et futurs dans notre localité.

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L'Institute for Social Research de l'Université York réalisera ce sondage au nom des Services de santé du Timiskaming. Pour obtenir plus d'information sur la COVID-19 et trouver le lien vers le sondage, consultez le site Web suivant : www.timiskaminghu.com



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A DECADE OF GIVING
Santa arrived early for four Temiskaming area food banks. For the past ten years the Knights of Columbus (K of C) Council # 10809 has donated funds to the food banks from the annual sales of Cash Calendars. On November 24 cheques for \$1,000 each were handed out to food bank representatives. In the back row from the left are Haileybury Food Bank volunteer Pat Rhiness, K of C Grand Knights Russell Shelton and Michel Watchorn. In the front row are K of C chairman Jim Garahan, Temagami Food Bank coordinator Paul Middleton, Cobalt Coleman Latchford and Area Food Bank volunteers Trish and Dan Clattenburg and, in front on the right, Salvation Army Food Bank Lieutenant Brandon Keeping. The calendars can be sourced by calling Garahan at 705-647-6390. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

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Latchford planning Christmas tree lighting ceremony

By Jamie Mountain
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

LATCHFORD – The Christmas spirit will still be found in Latchford despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

Latchford council discussed how best to proceed with its annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the November 19 regular meeting.

Councillor Perry Livingston noted the town usually hosts the ceremony inside the Community Centre but that he didn’t think they would be able to this year because of coronavirus concerns. He then questioned if they could do it outside of the building or outside of the municipal office.

Mayor George Lefebvre, participating remotely via teleconference, said that if council does choose to host the tree lighting ceremony this year, it would have to be done outside.

“I don’t think it’s something that you can take children and parents and stuff inside and socially distance,” he said.

Councillor Francine Blowe wondered if the town could still light up the tree outside, along with handing out hot chocolate and having a bonfire, all the



SPARKING CHANGE

The Salvation Army in New Liskeard has received a donation from the Walmart New Liskeard Superstore in the amount of \$10,076. The donation is part of Walmart’s 2020 Fight Hunger, Spark Change campaign, said Salvation Army Lieutenant Brandon Keeping. Canada wide, the campaign has raised \$4,246,704 to help local food banks, he added. The New Liskeard Walmart has also been regularly donating meat to the Salvation Army over the last month as well, along with other food donations, he added. Salvation Army has been sharing the food donations with the Haileybury and Cobalt food banks in turn. The \$10,076 amount raised was through customer donations and the assistance of store associates. Pictured from left to right are customer experience assistant manager Jacqui Lefebvre; meat department manager Aaron Kristie-Brazeau; store manager Adam Jolin; store greeter Jim Thomson; store operations manager Kat Depencier; and Salvation Army Lieutenant Brandon Keeping. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

while abiding by social distancing requirements as set out by the Timiskaming Health Unit.

Councillor Scott Green said that while he didn’t know about offering hot chocolate, he feels they could have the tree lighting and a bonfire outside given that the town was able to host a socially distanced Halloween parade this year.

“As long as you maintain the social distance, wear your masks, I don’t see why we couldn’t have a tree lighting ceremony as well,” he reasoned.

Lefebvre said that the town should be able to “definitely” host a tree lighting ceremony, however, he added that a fallback is always to check with the health unit to “get their opinion on things.”

He said that he couldn’t “see anything bad coming out of an outdoor tree lighting ceremony.”

Livingston didn’t feel as though the health unit would object to an outdoor event and that they would treat it the same as the Halloween parade, telling them to “enjoy it responsibly and safely.

“That’s all we can ask people,” he reasoned.

“I have no problem having an outdoor tree lighting, whether there’s a fire, whether there’s anything else.”

Livingston added that Latchford usually hosts the tree lighting in early December and that he didn’t feel anything was going to “change that much” in terms of guidelines within the next few weeks.

Council was all in agreement with hosting the event outdoors.

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Inspections
recommend
long-term bridge
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Diane Johnston
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES – The latest inspection report of the city's bridges and culverts has recommended almost \$2.3 million in repairs over the next seven years.

The projects will have to be worked into the municipality's capital spending plans, said Temiskaming Shores Mayor Carman Kidd in an interview last week.

Kidd said budget discussions on both operations and capital projects have been held at the committee level. He hoped a draft operating budget would come to council for approval in December.

Under provincial legislation, a municipality's structures must be inspected every two years.

The 2020 inspection report by D.M. Wills Associates of Peterborough was on city council's agenda November 17.

The visual inspection resulted in a recommendation for follow-up engineering investigations of two structures to determine the

scope of work needed.

It recommended that a structural evaluation be made of the Mowat Landing Road bridge, about two kilometres west of Fleming's Road, to determine whether load restrictions should be imposed until repairs can be made. Estimated cost of the study is \$5,000.

It also recommended a detailed condition survey of the east Golf Course Road bridge, at a cost of \$15,000, to determine the extent of structural rehabilitation required.

It recommends the following timeline for the work, with estimated costs:

- 2021 – repairs to Firstbrook Line Road bridge, located two kilometres south of Mowat Landing Road, \$13,000.
- 2022 – replace a culvert on the West Road, about 0.6 kilometres east of Clover Valley Road; \$459,900;
- 2023 – repairs to the east bridge on Golf Course Road, \$574,000;
- 2024 – repairs to Petes Dam Road bridge, \$200,000;
- 2025 – further repairs to Firstbrook Line Road bridge as well as repairs to the Mowat Landing Road bridge and to the culvert on Lakeshore Road, about 0.7 kilometres south of Sunnyside Road, for a total of \$406,200;
- 2026 – repairs to the Rockley Road bridge, \$250,000;
- 2027 – repairs to the Armstrong Street bridge in New Liskeard, \$372,000.

Inspections were also made of roofs at the city's three largest recreational facilities.

It recommended the replacement of the roofing at the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena and the Pool-Fitness Centre in New Liskeard within one to five years.

The cost of the former was estimated at \$1 million in 2019.

In Haileybury, the replacement of the main roof at the Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena was underway at the time of the inspection.

The report recommended repairs to other portions of the facility and the replacement of the lower roof within one to five years.

Estimated cost of the work at the Haileybury arena and the Pool-Fitness Centre had not been made.



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KL hospital funded for additional beds

Diane Johnston
Speaker Reporter

KIRKLAND LAKE – As the space crunch continues at hospitals across Ontario, Blanche River Health – which runs hospitals in Kirkland Lake and Englehart – has received some provincial help.

Earlier this month, the province announced funding for an additional 18 beds at the Kirkland Lake site.

The hospital is now working through the process of activating the additional funded beds, said Blanche River Health president and CEO Sean Conroy.

The hospital currently has a physical capacity of 60 to 62 beds, he said.

But its funding is based on a budgeted operating capacity of 38.

In a recent interview, he said its occupancy has been hovering around that mark over the past few weeks, and at times exceeded it. Occupancy at the Englehart hospital is over its budgeted capacity of 16 beds, he said.

The additional funding will



HOSPITAL REMEMBERS

Remembrance Day did not pass unobserved at Temiskaming Hospital. Pictured above are, from left, Doug Jelly, president of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 33; Marianne Sowinski, zone commander; Bun Eckensviller, a veteran who served in the Canadian navy and a former president of Branch 33; and hospital CEO Mike Baker. Behind them is a display honouring Eckensviller and the late George Cassidy and Rowan Hutchinson. The veterans of the Second World War were recognized in 2006 by the naming of roads on the hospital property in their honour. (Supplied Photo)

bring Kirkland Lake’s budgeted capacity to 56 beds.

Getting the clinical resources to staff the additional beds will be “the key part,” he said.

However, he said the funding increase is currently committed only until March 31.

It will help in the short term, but he said bed shortages have been an issue for a long time.

Roughly half of the patients at the two hospitals are designated alternate-level-of-care (ALC)

– they don’t require a hospital’s acute-care services and are waiting appropriate placement elsewhere, most in long-term care facilities.

He suspected the government will assess the situation over the winter, including the demand for hospital beds related to COVID-19 as well as ALC patient volumes.

The additional beds in Kirkland Lake were included in a \$13 million announcement of 129

additional beds at six health centres in Northern Ontario.

Other recipients were Health Sciences North in Sudbury (28 beds and an additional critical care bed) and hospitals in Kapuskasing, Moose Factory, Kenora and Thunder Bay.

The funding was announced in Kenora November 9 by Greg Rickford, minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and of Indigenous Affairs.

“We are delivering on our promise to make a difference in Northern Ontario communities by providing improved patient care capacity and hospital beds where they are needed most,” said Rickford in a statement at the time.

In a news release, the province said the additional funding will increase hospital capacity, reduce surgical backlogs and improve access to care during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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The 12 Days of Christmas Event will be December 1st-12th. It is a celebration of the holiday in a challenging year. This event is being dedicated to my grandmother Helen Sheffield, the woman who has helped me shape the idea of the event behind the scenes, states Rhiannah Pinkerton.

24 local businesses have jumped on board to partake in the 12 Days of Christmas Event! Two promotions at two different participating businesses each day. During the 12 days while shopping at these locations you will be given a ballot for a chance to win!! There will be a total of 13 prizes to be won. At the end of the 12 Days the ballots from all 24 businesses will be combined and the winners' names will be drawn on December 14th! The Grand Prize is \$1200 in gift cards donated by the participating businesses and twelve additional prizes of \$100 gift cards from a BIA business of the winners' choice donated by the BIA!!!

This year more than ever it is so important to be conscious and shop at your local shops for the upcoming holidays! Keep the cheer here this year!



PEO HONOUR

Benoit Chouinard of Earlton was the recipient this year of a scholarship from the Temiskaming chapter of Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO). Chouinard, who currently is a student in the electrical engineering program at Carleton University in Ottawa, "has demonstrated excellence in his scholastic achievements, community involvement, volunteerism, and interest in the engineering profession," said the Temiskaming chapter of the PEO in a statement. "The Temiskaming Chapter of the PEO wishes Benoit great success." Chouinard is pictured here receiving his scholarship from Temiskaming chapter PEO chair Maria Story. (Supplied photo)

Thornloe Cheese tastes victory again

TORONTO (Staff) – Thornloe Cheese has another Royal winner.

Its Evanturel variety was a winner at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, placing first for variety cheeses made of cow's milk, in a category for soft cheeses with a bloomy rind.

Thornloe Cheese describes Evanturel as a brie-style cheese, with a distinctive streak of edible vegetable ash.

It's not the first time that Evanturel is in the Royal winner's circle – it returned with first place in the same category in 2019.

Results from the Royal, which was held in an online format this year, were announced earlier this month.

There were a number of winners from in and around the Temiskaming region.

Also faring well in the cheese category was Le Fromage au Village in Lorrainville, near Ville-Marie.

Two of its varieties – L'Angélus and Le Casimir – placed second and third respectively to Evanturel.

The Lorrainville cheese producer also picked up a second for its soft cheese variety La Coulée des Érables; a second for its flavoured cheese Le Coeur du Village; and a third for its mild cheddar Le Blanc.

Other Northern winners included:

- Little Bear Apiary, Porquis Junction, fourth, chunk honey;

- Thunder Oak Cheese near Thunder Bay, seconds for its medium gouda and chive gouda;

- Sucrier Séguin Sugarbush in Lavigne, a first for its Canada Grade 1 amber, rich-tasting maple syrup and overall reserve champion in maple syrup;

- Fromagerie La Vache à Maillotte, La Sarre, a second for its semi-soft, surface ripened Fredondaine cheese.

Temagami to dish out citizen awards

By **Jamie Mountain**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

TEMAGAMI – The municipality of Temagami is making plans to present its citizen awards to the respective 2019 winners.

The Citizen of the Year award will be presented to Colleen Pender and Peter Nietlispach for their efforts with Temagami's Christmas event, the Lifetime Achievement Award will go to Marcelle Berube and the Post-humous Lifetime Achievement Award will be given to Jack Humphrey.

Temagami council approved a motion to provide direction to staff to organize the presentation of the awards and

to purchase a small gift of recognition at its regular meeting on November 19.

Council will direct staff to advertise and accept the 2020 nominations for the citizen awards until December 19.

Council also will direct the Ad Hoc committee to meet, review the nominations, and to make a decision concerning awards for 2020.

The citizen awards were established by council in 2014 and the awards could be for an individual, couple, family, or a group of people.

The names of the winners are engraved on a plaque and then displayed at the municipal office.

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